



# POWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Commission Chambers**  
**543 Bannock Ave.**  
**American Falls, ID 83211**  
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**Monday, March 7, 2022, 10:00 a.m.**

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session Monday, March 7, 2022, and called the meeting to order at the hour of 10:03 am, in the Commission Chambers of the Power County Courthouse.

## **II. COMMISSIONERS/STAFF**

PRESENT:	Commissioner Ron Funk, Chair Commissioner Delane Anderson Commissioner Bill Lasley
ABSENT:	None
STAFF:	Sharee Sprague, Clerk Casey Annen, Deputy Clerk Anson Call, Legal Counsel
OTHER PARTIES PRESENT:	Assessor Laura Porath Treasurer Deanna Curry Lobbyist Pat Sullivan
	Lee Dille Daniel Moore

## **III. AGENDA**

### **A. NOTICES/REPORTS**

1. **Legislative Update:** Power County Lobbyist Pat Sullivan appeared via Zoom and provided a legislative update. Mr. Sullivan reports that the adjournment is still set for March 25, 2022. Mr. Sullivan informed the Commission that Senator Jim Rice introduced House Bill H0741, which amends and adds to existing law to raise the sales tax and use increased funding to provide property tax relief for owner-occupied homesteads and increase the grocery tax credit. Mr. Sullivan advises he does not believe the bill will pass the senate. The bill would move Idaho to the highest sales tax rate in the nation. Mr. Sullivan reports that today is the last day to move a house bill to the senate and bill not transmitted by today will not be heard. Commissioner Funk advised that IAC is hosting a webinar tomorrow to receive an update the affects HO741. Commissioner Bill Lasley requested the status of the House Bill HB565 on Transient property. Mr. Sullivan states that the bill is moving forward. The last movement known was it had been referred to the 14<sup>th</sup> Order for amendment by general orders of the House Committee.

Treasurer Deanna Curry presented the question on the status of property tax bills HB690, HB709 and HB648. Mr. Sullivan states they don't appear at this time to be moving forward. Mr. Sullivan reported that he will have a report on House Bill HB648 during the next meeting with the Commission. Clerk Sharee Sprague asked for a report on the Election Bills. Mr. Sullivan reports that the overall appearance of the Election Bills currently out there doesn't appear to have any traction and doesn't believe they will go anywhere this session. He explained that some bills are introduced more as talking points initially and they may intend to put these bills into motion in the next session.

2. **Courthouse Remodel:** Lee Dille appeared via Zoom and provided flooring options for the remodel. Mr. Dille provided the following 2 tile options for consideration the credit that will be coming back for the LVP flooring that it will be replacing. Both options include working over the weekend in order to maintain as much access inside the building as possible;
  1. \$18,350.00 – Remove existing tile and replace with similar hexagon white and green color. I have not been able to find a very comparable green color yet, but I am still in the hunt and if this option is chosen I will get samples back within the week.
  2. \$16,400.00 – Remove existing tile and replace with a 12 x 24" large format tile. I am confident we can find a tile that will be suitable at this price point, but we will need some direction as to the color and texture desired.

The Commission discussed bidding estimates and projections. By consensus, the Commission instructed Mr. Dille to wait on replacing the tile flooring in the main public area of the courthouse until the court remodel and to move forward with just the flooring in the new entry.

The Commission will meet again for further updates on the courthouse remodel and to provide transparency on Monday the 14,2022 at 2:30pm with Mr. Dille and the contractor Ben Taylor.

#### **B. MOTIONS:**

1. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda for Monday, March 7, 2022, was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Funk. Following audible call of the Board, motion unanimously carried.

#### **IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

1. **Executive Legal Advice Session pursuant to I.C. §74-206(1)(f) 11:14 am:** A motion to enter into executive session pursuant to I.C. §74-206(f), to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated was presented by Commissioner Lasley with a second by Commissioner Funk. Clerk Sharee Sprague conducted roll call on the motion;
  - Commissioner Funk, AYE
  - Commissioner Lasley, AYE
  - Commissioner Anderson, AYE

Following roll call of the Board, motion unanimously carried. Upon conclusion of discussion, Commissioner Funk declared the meeting open at 11:31 am.

#### **V. ASSESSMENTS/CONCLUSIONS:**

1. **Next Meeting:** The next regular session for the board to meet is slated for March 14, 2022

2. **Adjourn:** Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was presented by Commissioner Anderson with a second by Commissioner Lasley. Following audible call of the Board, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm.

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Board of County Commissioners during the Regular Board Meeting held March 14, 2022.

ATTEST:

  
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SHAREE SPRAGUE, Clerk

  
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COMMISSIONER FUNK, Chairman